

Washington, DC – Congresswoman Gwen Moore today released the following statement regarding the passage of the ADA Restoration Act.

“As a proud cosponsor of this legislation, I am a firm believer in equal access to opportunity for all people. The original Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was the most extensive nondiscrimination legislation since the Civil Rights Act passed in 1964, ensuring that qualified individuals with disabilities are not discriminated against on the job or in public accommodations. However, over the last 18 years the Courts have weakened it significantly and as a result people who should be afforded protections under the intent of the ADA have been denied benefits in the workplace.”

“The ADA Restoration Act would restore the protections lost by broadening the definition of disability from that established by recent Supreme Court Decisions. This bill will once again level the playing field for people with chronic illnesses such as diabetes and multiple sclerosis and will help ensure that once again people have access to the protections that they deserve.”

The ADA Restoration Act has passed both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate, and now awaits the President’s signature.

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